

# The Cromwell Argus

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

**DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.**

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes  
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises  
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands  
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf  
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies  
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

Candles: best brands  
Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes  
Vestas, by approved makers  
Salt: table, fine, and coarse  
Raisins: Muscatels, Sultanas, and Elemes  
Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene  
Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted

**TOBACCOS.**

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior  
Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens  
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.

Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes  
Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case  
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Llay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case  
Rum: Lemon Hart's  
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape  
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond  
Gin: J. KZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell  
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's  
Claret: St. Julien's

Moselle: No. 2  
Hook: Gold Leaf  
Ginger Wine, in bulk and case  
Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial.  
Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial  
Cordials: assorted  
Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsend's  
Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's

**IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of**

Blasting powder and fuse  
Gunpowder, caps, and shot  
Long and short handled shovels  
Spades, sluice forks  
Picks and pickhandles  
Gold dishes, hose-pipes  
Drills and drilling hammers  
Mauls and flax ropes  
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils  
Galvanised and corrugated iron  
Stoves and piping

Billies and pannikins  
Tea-kettles, iron and tin  
Galvanised iron buckets and tubs  
Iron boilers  
Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans  
Axes and axe-handles  
Nails, cut and wrought  
Tacks, clout and American cut  
Garden rakes, hoes, and spades  
Cutlery, a large assortment  
Carpenters' tools of every description.

**CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.**

**HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.**

**DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.**

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac  
Boys' do.  
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin  
Shirts: white dress, crimeans, Scotch twill, tweed  
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton  
Hosiery and hats

Dress materials: wineys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints  
Flannels; Calicos, bleached and unbleached  
Blankets, rugs, quilts  
Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers.  
Cocoa and felt matting  
Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets  
Top, waterproof, and tweed coats; etc., etc.

**BOOTS & SHOES.**

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, halt-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boot  
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

**CROCKERYWARE.**

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete  
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket

China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description

**FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.**

**FANCY GOODS.**

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

**COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.**

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

**W. TALBOYS'**  
**NEW GROCERY QUOTATIONS.**

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s  
Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d  
Muscatels, 1s 2d per lb  
Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb  
Elemes, 7d per lb  
Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb  
Two-crown Soap, 12s per box  
Three-crown Soap, 14s per box  
Cheese, 10d per lb  
Hams, 10d per lb  
Kerosene (Noonday), 12s per tin.

Fresh Herrings, 8d per tin.  
Lobsters, 10d per tin  
Salmon, 10d per tin  
Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d  
Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d  
Oysters, 7d per tin  
Tainsh's Jams, 11d per tin  
Figs, 1s per box  
Preserved Fruits, 2s.  
Pickles, 1s per bottle  
Candles 10d per lb

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertights, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

A large stock of Ladies' and Children's Kid Boots (Copper Toes), 4s 6d.

**W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.**

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**I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,**

In returning thanks to the Public of Cromwell and surrounding districts for past patronage, respectfully beg to inform them that, having been unsuccessful in disposing of our Cromwell branch, we have determined

**TO CONTINUE BUSINESS,**

And, with that view, have Replenished our Stock with a large and well-selected assortment of

**DRAPERY, BOOTS, HOSIERY, FANCY GOODS,**

**CROCKERY, IRONMONGERY & GROCERIES,**

Which we are now offering at prices far below former quotations. We would specially draw attention to our Stock of

**MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,**

**BLANKETS, ETC.,**

DIRECT FROM OUR OWN FACTORY, AS BEING OF VERY CHOICE VALUE.

AN EARLY INSPECTION SOLICITED.

AGENTS FOR

Robertson & Hallenstein's Silk-dressed Flour, Bran and Pollard.

A LARGE STOCK OF GRAIN AND PRODUCE ALWAYS ON HAND.

**I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.**

**W. TALBOYS'**  
**REDUCED PRICE LIST OF**

**WINTER DRAPERY, CLOTHING, &C.**

Good Wineys, 6d, 10d and 1s  
Satin Cloths, new shales, 1s 6d  
French Merinos, 2s, 2s 6d and 3s  
All Wool Plaids, 2s 11d  
Fancy Dress, 10s 6d, 12s 6d and 15s  
Black Silks, 60s; Colored, 50s (the Dress)  
Black and Colored Lustres, 11d and 1s 3d  
Costume Cloths, 11d, 1s 3d and 1s 6d  
Horrocks' Calico, 5s 9d per doz  
Unbleached Calico, 5s 9d per doz  
Real Welsh Flannel, 1s 3d and 1s 6d  
Colored Flannels in Twill and Plain  
White Blankets, 13s 6d per pair  
Colored Blankets, 14s—large stock  
Sheeting, 72in, 1s 6d  
Turkish Towels, 12s per doz  
Tweeds, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d  
Carpets and Matting, from 1s 4d

Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing in Colonial and English Tweeds and makes  
Men's Suits, 37s 6d, 40s and 45s; Pagets, 50s  
Trousers and Vests, 17s 6d, 22s 6d and 25s  
Trousers, Tweed, 10s 6d, 12s 6d, and 15s  
White and Colored Moles, three crown, 9s  
Coats, splendid stock new goods, from 17s 6d  
Pilot Coats, from 22s 6d  
Knit Drawers, 5s 6d, 7s 6d and 8s 6d  
Serge Drawers, 7s 6d: Cotton, 3s  
Shirts, job lot, at 4s 6d; Crimean, 5s to 10s  
Flannels, large sizes, 5s 6d, 6s 6d and 7s 6d  
Boys' Knicker Suits, 10s 6d, 15s and 17s 6d  
Youths' Suits, 25s, 30s, and 32s 6d.  
Men's White Embroidered Shirts  
Gent's Scarfs in great variety  
Large stock Felt Hats, 4s, 5s and 6s 6d  
Bed Rugs, large size, 12s 6d.

A Large and Varied Stock of New Goods in Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Gloves, Scarfs, Lace Sets, Hosiery, Ribbons and Trimmings

## Cromwell

## Miscellaneous.

## Cromwell

## Insurance Companies.

V. R.

## N O T I C E.

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of July, August, September and October, 1879, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:—

CLYDE—Every Thursday.

CROMWELL—Every Friday.

ALEXANDRA—Monday, July 22

August 25

September 22

October 20

The Office at Alexandra will be open once a fortnight for the transaction of public business.]

ROXBURGH—Tuesday, July 22

August 19

September 16

October 14

OPHIR—Tuesday, July 29

August 26

September 23

October 21

JACKSON KEDDELL,

Warden and R.M.

M R A. F. BLOOD, B. A.,  
Has Commenced Practice as a  
SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCER

In the District, R.M. and Warden's  
Courts, Cromwell.

Mr Blood is prepared to visit Alexandra,  
Blacks, &c., when professionally required.

OFFICE:  
NEXT DOOR TO THE BANK OF NEW  
ZEALAND.

H ENRICH BEHRENS,  
WHEELWRIGHT  
AND COACH-BUILDER,  
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.  
(Nearly opposite Bank of New South Wales).  
Is prepared to execute all Orders entrusted to  
him with carefulness and despatch.

A Large Supply of Well-seasoned American and  
Native Timbers kept in Stock.

Repairs done in best style.

K. P R E T S C H.  
CROMWELL,  
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,  
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper  
hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every  
description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting,  
Paperhanging, Decoration,  
and Sign Writing.

E. M U R R E L L,  
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

Has just received, per  
Suez Mail, his  
first consignment of  
SILVER  
HUNTING  
LEVER  
WATCHES  
direct from the  
Manufacturer in London. As  
these Watches are made to his  
own order, bear his name, and  
specially made to suit the re-  
quirements of this district, he  
can with confidence recommend them to the  
public both as regards finish and accuracy of  
adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be ex-  
celled in the colony.

E.M. has made arrangements for regular sup-  
plies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position  
to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every  
Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

E. MURRELL,  
Watch and Clock Maker,  
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

THE AUSTRALIAN LITHOFRAC-  
TEUR AND DYNAMITE CO.  
(KREBS' PATENT.)

ARTHUR BRISCOE &amp; CO.,

Having accepted the above Company's Agency  
for New Zealand, direct the attention of Rail-  
way and other Contractors, Miners, and Quarry-  
men to the enormous advantages derived from  
the use of these STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES  
MANUFACTURED.

For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or  
soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs'  
Patent being the only manufacture insoluble; it  
is invaluable.

The SUPERIOR STRENGTH of these COLONIAL  
EXPLOSIVES has been proved by experts to  
be 15 to 20 per cent. stronger than any imported  
Dynamite, while the present price renders it  
cheaper than blasting powder.

Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.

5 " 2s 6d "

10 " 2s 3d "

Delivery from magazine payable by purchaser.

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL IRONMONGERS AND  
IRON MERCHANTS,  
PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN.

## N O T I C E.

FOURPENCE each will be given by the  
undersigned for the SKINS of Rabbits de-  
stroyed on Mt. Pisa and Queensberry Runs  
upon delivery at the Home Station.

I. LOUGHNAN.

4th July, 1879.

## N O T I C E.

A number of useless Curs are allowed to  
prowl about on Kawarau Station by their  
owners. This is to give them warning that  
POISON will be laid wherever they are most  
likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

## N O T I C E.

On and after AUGUST 1st, all Horses and  
Cattle trespassing on Morven Hills Station will  
be Impounded.

Any Person found Removing Horses or Cattle  
without giving notice will be Prosecuted

A. MPHAIL,

Manager.

P. B U T T L & C O. S  
FLOUR MILLS.

NEAR ARROWTOWN,

Supply First-class

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN, AND  
POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dis-  
patch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed,  
—cannot be excelled in the Colony.

V I N C E N T F L O U R M I L L,  
OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surround-  
ing districts that, having now completed the  
above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with  
machinery on the most improved principle, he  
is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR  
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WAKATIP FLOUR & OATMEAL  
MILLS, LAKE HAYES.

ROBERT GILMOUR - PROPRIETOR.

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public  
that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal,  
he has now completed considerable improvements  
on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to  
supply a first-class article at a most reasonable  
rate.

R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a  
Miller of wide experience, the public can depend  
upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best  
quality, and can offer it at a cheap rate and  
upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

G E O R G E M A T T H E W S,  
NURSERYMAN & SEEDSMAN,

DUNEDIN,

HAS ON SALE—

Fruit Trees of all sorts  
Forest Trees in great variety  
Gooseberry and Currant Bushes  
Ornamental Trees and Shrubs  
Boxwood Plants for edging walks  
Rhubarb Roots  
Lawn Grass Seed  
Farm Seeds and Garden Seeds of every  
description and all thoroughly genuine

Catalogues and Special Lists on application.

Agency at Cromwell:

ARGUS SEED WAREHOUSE.

## F R U I T A N D F O R E S T T R E E S.

FOR SALE

AT THE

## GLADSTONE NURSERY,

NEAR INVERCARGILL:—

1-year-old Apple Trees, 7s per dozen  
2-year-old Apple Trees, 9s per dozen  
3-year-old Apple Trees, 12s per dozen  
4-year-old Apple Trees, from 16s per dozen  
Plums, Pears and Cherries from 17s per dozen  
Peaches, £1 4s per dozen  
Gooseberries and Currants, from 3s per dozen  
Scotch Fir, three years old (transplanted),  
£4 per 1,000  
Pinus Astrica, £4 10s per 1,000  
Pinus Pinaster, £3 10s 6d per 1,000  
Norway Spruce, four years old, £5 per 1,000  
400,000 Quicks, 9s, 10s, 12s, 15s and 20s  
per 1,000  
Rhubarb Roots, 10s, 15s and 20s per dozen

SPECIAL QUOTATIONS FOR LARGE ORDERS.

Note the Address—

R. BIRRELL,

BOX 85, INVERCARGILL P.O.

## S W A N B R E W E R Y,

CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER - Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his  
unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, de-  
livered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Crom-  
well, or at the Brewery, will be promptly at-  
tended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

## W I L L I A M S U T H E R L A N D

General

BLACKSMITH &amp; FARRIER,

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the  
public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business  
and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the  
public patronage.

CROMWELL

## V E T E R I N A R Y S H O E I N G F O R G E,

MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,  
&c.

Every description of work in connection with  
Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made  
and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable  
Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally  
that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a  
CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the  
first introduced up-country; and in this branch  
he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved  
principle

Light shoes ... 10s.

Draught do. ... 16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and  
Cattle Medicines on hand.

I M P O R T A N T T O W A G O N E R S, F A R -  
M E R S, A N D T H E G E N E R A L P U B L I C.

## N E W V E T E R I N A R Y &amp; S H O E I N G F O R G E.

JAMES RICHARDS

Having purchased the business as General Black-  
smith and Horse-shoer in Cromwell, lately car-  
ried on by Mr R. Cayford, begs to inform the  
public that he is in a position to execute every  
class of work in a most satisfactory manner at  
reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department  
the advertiser has considerable experience, and  
in these branches can guarantee to suit those  
who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for  
all complaints.

Note the Address—

MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL,

Opposite Messrs Grant and MacKellar's offices.

## S H E R W O O D A N D W R I G H T,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MER-  
CHANTS, AND GENERAL

STOREKEEPERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the  
regular consignment of Goods suitable to the  
market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in  
intimating that they have now on hand, and  
constantly arriving, full supplies of

WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND  
FAMILY GROCERIES

of the very best quality obtainable, and which  
will be found to compare most favorably as to  
price with those of any establishment on the  
Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in  
above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a  
detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made  
arrangements for a constant supply of

FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL  
PRODUCE

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills.  
In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE  
DISTRICT.

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they  
have entered into arrangements for the regular  
supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an  
advantage which they feel sure their customers  
will fully appreciate.

## N O R W I C H U N I O N F I R E I N S U R -

ANCE SOCIETY.

RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST  
LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,

Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

[ESTABLISHED, 1859.]

N E W Z E A L A N D I N S U R A N C E  
C O M P A N Y.

CAPITAL ... £1,000,000.

Accepts Fire Risks on every description of  
property, at lowest rates.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,

Agent, Cromwell.

C O B B A N D C O. ' S  
L I V E R Y S T A B L E S,

LAWRENCE,

Will now be under the personal supervision of  
Mr Craig.

HORSES &amp; BUGGIES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

Horses Broken to Saddle and Harness.

H. CRAIG &amp; Co.,

Proprietors.

## C E N T R A L R E G I S T R Y O F F I C E.

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of  
Cromwell and District that he has OPENED  
REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his  
Printer's business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can  
rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every  
description.

E. LYONS

(Late J. R. L. Lyle's),

COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,  
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

## K A W A R A U C O A L P I T,

BANNOCKBURN.

MOORE &amp; PRYDE, Proprietors.

The Coal supplied from above Pit is recognised  
as the best yet vented in the district. It burns  
freely, and emits great heat. It is delivered at  
Cromwell ... 24s per ton.  
Bannockburn ... 20s do.  
At Pit's mouth ... 12s do.

FULL WEIGHT GUARANTEED.

MOORE &amp; PRYDE,

Proprietors.

## W A N A K A S A W - M I L L S.

RUSSELL, EWING &amp; CO.,

PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills  
in complete working order with the best appli-  
ances obtainable and are prepared to supply  
Manufactured Timber of every description;  
Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the  
shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices  
and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched  
with promptitude.

RUSSELL, EWING &amp; Co.,

WANAKA SAW MILLS.

## V U L C A N F O U N D R Y,

Great King-street, Dunedin.

## K I N C A I D, M'Q U E E N A N D C O.,

Boilermakers, Engineers, Millwrights, Foun-  
ders, Blacksmiths, &c.

All kinds of castings in Brass and Iron.  
Steam Engines and Boilers made and repaired.  
Overshot, Breast, and Turbine Waterwheels,  
Quartz-crushing Machinery, Pumping and Wind-  
ing Gear.

Cast-iron Sluice and Ripple Plates; Sheet-  
iron Hopper and Sluice Plates, (punched to any  
size of holes), Gold-dredging Spoons, etc.

Flour-mill Machinery.

All kinds of Reaping, Threshing, Horse-power  
Machines made and repaired.

Improved Reaping Machines.

K., M'Q. and Co.'s improved Wrought-Iron  
Piping for Flaming and Hydraulic Mining is the  
best in use, and cheaper than canvas.

Cromwell.



**FREE TRADE BUTCHERY.**  
(Wholesale and Retail).

**JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.**

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

\*Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



**R. AND W. OLDS,**  
FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.



**THE CROMWELL BAKERY.**

**J. SCOTT.**

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,  
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

**THOMAS FOOTE,**  
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER

MELMORE TERRACE,

CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

**FOR SALE.**

Several Sections in Cromwell  
Cottage (furnished) and Section in Melmore Terrace

Cottage and Section in Murray-street  
Shop and Dwelling in Melmore-street  
Cottage on Block IX.

Water-race of 12 heads (Lowburn)  
Agricultural Lease Area of 200 Acre  
5000 mixed full-mouthed Sheep  
Cromwell Coal Lease and Plant  
Several Quartz-crushing Batteries  
Bannockburn Water-race.

2 Acres, Freehold (fenced), adjoining Cromwell.

**CHAS. COLCLOUGH,**  
Agent, Cromwell.

GRATEFUL—COMFORTING.

**EPPS'S COCOA.**  
BREAKFAST.

"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—See article in the *Civil Service Gazette*.

Made simply with boiling water or milk.

Sold only in packets or tins, labelled:—

**JAMES EPPS & CO.,**  
HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICINES.  
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Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

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The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

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GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock

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(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn.) Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

**CRITERION HOTEL,**  
ALEXANDRA.

**HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.**

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

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SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

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This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:—

Stabling, per night	...	6s
Single Feed	...	2s
Meals and Bed, each	...	2s
Board and Lodging, per week	30s	
Board only	...	20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co's. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

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Miscellaneous.

**NOBEL'S PATENT DYNAMITE.**

DALGETY, NICHOLS AND CO., Agents for the above Dynamite, beg to call the attention of Contractors, Miners, and others, to the great strength of Dynamite compared with other explosives as shown below:—

Blasting Gelatine, 100.00, Nobel's patent.  
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No. 1 Dynamite, 75.11, Nobel's patent  
Lithofracteur of the strongest and best make, 65.69.

The price of Nobel's Dynamite, notwithstanding its greater strength and purity, does not exceed even that of Lithofracteur, viz:—

1 Case 50 lbs, 2s 9d per lb
5     "     2s 6d     "
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**DALGETY, NICHOLS, AND CO.**  
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**THE NEW S. S. MOUNTAINEER,**

Captain T. PATERSON,

Carrying H.M. Mails, will Leave

**QUEENSTOWN FOR KINGSTON**

DAILY, at 9.30 a.m.,

Meeting the Invercargill Train, and Returning to Queenstown at 2.30 p.m.

The Directors, having REDUCED the rates hitherto ruling on all kinds of Freight, hope to secure thereby the greatest share of the Lake traffic, and draw the attention of the Travelling Public to the Superior Passenger Accommodation and the high rate of speed of this splendid Boat.

Goods for the Arrow District stored here until the Frankton Agency is established.

The Public are invited to avail themselves of the Season Tickets issued by the Company.

For particulars, apply to the Captain or the undersigned.

**LEWIS HOTOP,**  
Manager.  
Queenstown, February 13th, 1879.



**NOTICE.**

**J. W. ROBERTSON & CO.**

AND

**WILLIAMS & ARCHER**

Have much pleasure in informing the Public that, owing to the extraordinary increase of traffic on the Lake since the completion of the Railway, they have decided to run their powerful Paddle-steamer

**ANTRIM**

And their clipper-built Screw-steamer

**JANE WILLIAMS,**

As hitherto (Thrice Weekly)

To and from Kingston at a reduced rate of  
**TWELVE SHILLINGS & SIXPENCE PER TON**

Delivered either at QUEENSTOWN or FRANKTON.

**FARM PRODUCE**

From FRANKTON and QUEENSTOWN to KINGSTON at 7s 6d per ton.

**WOOL AND HIDES**

To KINGSTON, 14s per ton.

**PASSENGERS' FARE**

To and from KINGSTON, 2s 6d each Passenger. Passengers returning, the same day charged Single Fare.

J. W. ROBERTSON & Co., having every facility for continuing the business in the same efficient manner as hitherto, will still continue to bestow the same attention to Goods consigned to them. They request the Consignees to instruct their correspondents to address their Goods to the care of

**J. W. ROBERTSON & Co.,**

Queenstown.

Queenstown, the 4th day of March, 1879.

Cromwell.

**SELLING OFF!!!**

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**DRAPERY, CLOTHING,**

**BOOTS & SHOES,**

**Fancy Goods, Jewellery,**

**BOOKS,**

**PATENT MEDICINES,**

&c., &c.

**J. SOLOMON**

Has determined upon giving up Business in Cromwell solely on account of the recent bereavement in his family.

The Public will therefore bear in mind this is

**NO CHEAP CLEARING SALE,**

But a

**GENUINE SALE**

Of everything in Stock at any sacrifice.

**EVERY ARTICLE WILL BE SOLD BELOW COST PRICE.**

**Special Inducements to Customers Purchasing Large Parcels.**

It is impossible to quote Prices for such a large Stock.

Come and See and be Convinced.

**J. S. will not Refuse any Reasonable Offer for a Large Parcel.**

In order to make a speedy clearance, J. S. has made arrangements with Mr O. CUMMINS to visit the surrounding district, as well as the Arrow, Queenstown, Clyde, Alexandra, Blacks, Tinkers and Drybread, so as to give all who are not in a position to come to Cromwell the opportunity of securing Bargains.

Look out for O. CUMMINS,

One trial will prove to anyone not entirely in the hands of other storekeepers how much cheaper J. S. is selling than any storekeeper in the district.

A SPLENDID STOCK

OF

**NEW WINTER GOODS**

ONLY JUST OPENED OUT

**CHEAP BOOTS!**

Heavy-nailed Watertights, 14s 6d  
Heavy-nailed Bluchers, 10s  
Gent's Balmoral's (best quality), 15s  
Gent's E.S. (best quality), 16s  
Boy's heavy-nailed Lace Boots, 6s 6d  
Youths' do do, 8s 6d  
Women's E.S. Leather Boots, 10s  
Copper-toed Lace Boots, 4s 6d to 5s 6d  
E.S. copper-toe Boots, 5s to 6s 6d  
Maid's E.S. Leather Boots (1 and 2), 8s 6d  
Elastic top Leather Slippers, 4s

**THE ABOVE ARE ALL BEST DUNEDIN MAKE.**

**LADIES' & CHILDREN'S KID BOOTS,**  
A Large Variety, equally Low in Price.

**GUM BOOTS, 22s 6d.**

The above Prices must convince the Public that J. Solomon means business.

**TERMS—CASH ONLY.**

**V. R.**  
**N O T I C E.**  
In pursuance of the 14th section of the Licensing Act, 1873, Amendment Act, 1874, I Herby Give Notice that the Quarterly Licensing Meeting for the Districts of Cromwell Town and Cromwell District will be held on **TUESDAY**, the 2nd day of September, 1879, in the Court House, Cromwell, at the hour of Noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all Applications for Certificates for such Licenses as are authorised to be granted at the said meeting of the Licensing Court, and the Transfer, or Renewal, or Removal of Licenses, of which due notice shall be given to me, for the aforesaid districts in which the premises in respect of which the application is made are situated respectively.

**S. MEAD DALGLIESH,**  
Clerk to Licensing Court.

Office of Clerk to Licensing Court,  
Cromwell, July 25th, 1879.

**V. R.**  
**N O T I C E.**  
In pursuance of the 14th section of the Licensing Act, 1873, Amendment Act, 1874, I Herby Give Notice that the Quarterly Licensing Meeting for the District of Cardrona will be held on **FRIDAY**, the 26th day of September, 1879, at Pembroke, at the hour of Noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all Applications for Certificates for such Licenses as are authorised to be granted at the said meeting of the Licensing Court, and the Transfer, or Renewal, or Removal of Licenses, of which due notice shall be given to me, for the aforesaid district in which the premises in respect of which the application is made are situated respectively.

**JAMES FLEMING,**  
Clerk to Licensing Court.

Office of Clerk to Licensing Court,  
Arrowtown, July 14th, 1879.

**SEEDS ! SEEDS !! SEEDS !!!**  
Just received—  
**ANNUAL CONSIGNMENT OF**  
**NEW SEASON GARDEN SEEDS OF ALL KINDS,**  
Warranted Fresh and true to name.  
**ARGUS SEED WAREHOUSE,**  
CROMWELL.  
Orders by letter promptly attended to.

**SMITH AND STODART**  
beg to intimate to the Public that they  
**HAVE OPENED**  
Those  
**WELL-KNOWN AND COMMODIOUS STABLES**  
(Late Starkey and Scally's),  
And hope, by attention and civility, to merit a  
fair share of public patronage.

**BUGGIES & SADDLE HORSES ALWAYS ON HIRE.**  
**HORSES BROKEN IN, &c.**

**MELBOURNE CUP, 1879.**  
122 NOMINATIONS. ADMISSION, £1.  
First Cash ... .. £900  
Second Cash ... .. 450  
Third Cash ... .. 270  
Other Starters (divided) Cash ... 1,530  
Non-starters (divided) Cash ... 2,250  
Total Cash ... .. £5,400  
Exchange (1s) to be added to country cheques.  
Two postage stamps necessary—one for reply  
and one for result.

Address—  
**ALFRED A. CAMERON,**  
Box 251; or, Prince of Wales Hotel, Dunedin.

**OTAGO GOLDFIELDS.**  
Application for an Agricultural Lease.

Schedule A—Clause 1.

District of Otago Goldfields,  
Cromwell, August 9, 1879.  
To the Warden at Cromwell.

I hereby apply for a Lease of Land for agricultural purposes, situate at west side of my Agricultural Lease on Cromwell Commouage, and comprising 50 acres, or thereabouts, in accordance with the Agricultural Leases Regulations made under "The Mines Act, 1877."

**RICHARD OLDS,**  
Per Chas. Colclough, authorised Agent.

#### NOTICE.

The above application will be heard before me, at Cromwell, on the 29th day of August, 1879.

**JACKSON KEDDELL,**  
Warden.

**WANTED, a Middle-aged Woman, as**  
**HOUSEKEEPER.**—Apply to Mr THOS.  
WILSON, Kawarau Gorge.

**F O R S A L E.**  
4,000 TOTARA and BLACK PINE  
POSTS.  
Apply to  
**D. COLWELL, Pembroke.**

**F O R S A L E.**  
A SHARE in the Upper Gorge WATER  
RACE and DAMS at Kawarau Gorge.  
Also,  
A CLAIM at Bryce's Gully, Lowburn, with  
Two-roomed Iron House, and various  
Plant.  
Apply to  
**C. PERRIAM,**  
At the Claim.

**F O R S A L E,**  
By Private Contract,  
The thoroughbred Entire Horse ARCHI-  
TECT, by Peter Wilkins.  
The thoroughbred Entire Horse CYMBE-  
LINE, by Cassivelaunus from Lady of  
the Lake by Tom King.  
FILLY, by Cassivelaunus from Azucena by  
Towton, rising 2 years, engaged in Dun-  
edin Champagne Stakes, 1880.  
Brood Mare LADY OF THE LAKE, by  
Tom King from Fairy by the Peer.  
For particulars, apply to  
**L LOUGHNAN,**  
Mt. Pisa Station.

**T O F E N C E R S.**  
Separate Alternative TENDERS (labor only)  
are required for FENCING, in Tarras Dis-  
trict—

(1.) Three Miles (more or less)—posts (six  
to the chain) and seven wires, without  
ditch.

(2.) Posts and five wires, ditch 2ft by 18in.

Tenders to be lodged at THE ARGUS Office on  
or before **THURSDAY, 28th instant.**

The lowest or any tender not necessarily  
accepted.



**CROMWELL RIFLE**  
**VOLUNTEERS.**

#### NOTICE.

**SPECIAL GOVERNMENT**  
**INSPECTION PARADE** in the  
Drill Hall on **WEDNESDAY**  
**EVENING, 20th inst.**

**ANNUAL INSPECTION OF UNIFORMS,**  
**ARMS AND ACCOUTREMENTS.**

All Arms and Uniforms must be brought in  
for Inspection and Re-distribution, and Volun-  
teers neglecting to comply with this order will  
be proceeded against as the Regulations pro-  
vide, without further notice.

Parade at 8 o'clock prompt. No excuse for  
absence (with exception of sickness, when Arms,  
&c., must be sent in) will be received.

**S. N. BROWN,**  
Captain Commanding.

**BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.**  
Proceedings under "The Municipal Corpora-  
tions Act, 1876," and "The Regulations  
of Local Elections Act, 1876."

**EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY FOR COUN-  
CILLOR FOR BRIDGE WARD.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the  
Election of COUNCILLOR for Bridge Ward (in  
the room of Mr J. Solomon) will take place on  
**THURSDAY, 4th day of September, 1879,** at the  
Council Chamber, between the hours of 9 a.m.  
and 6 p.m.; and that the Nomination of Can-  
didates will take place on **THURSDAY, the 21st**  
day of August, 1879, at the Council Chambers,  
Cromwell, at 12 o'clock noon.

All Nominations must be sent in in the form  
of the second schedule of "The Regulations of  
Local Elections Act, 1876," and shall be ad-  
dressed to me and delivered before Noon on the  
day of Nomination at the before-named place.

Dated at Cromwell this 12th day of August,  
1879.

**JAS. MARSHALL,**  
Returning Officer for Bridge Ward.

#### POSTAL NOTICE.

The next Suez mail will close here on Monday,  
25th August, at noon.

**W. WARD, Postmaster.**

#### CROMWELL FIRE BRIGADE.

A MEETING of the Members of the Crom-  
well Fire Brigade will be held at the Council  
Chambers on **WEDNESDAY, August 20, at 4**  
p.m., for the purpose of appointing Officers, &c.

#### CROMWELL RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

**THE**  
**ANNUAL INVITATION BALL**  
WILL BE HELD IN THE  
**ATHENÆUM HALL, CROMWELL,**  
ON  
**FRIDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.**

**F. JEFFERY, Secretary.**

**N O T I C E.**  
**CROMWELL ANNUAL QUADRILLE**  
**ASSEMBLY.**

**THURSDAY, August 28th, being the LAST**  
**NIGHT of Season 1879, a DOUBLE PRO-**  
**GRAMME will be provided.**

#### REFRESHMENTS.

Admission to non-members, 5s.

**FRED JEFFERY,**  
Secretary.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

**ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF WAKATIPU.**

**Mr. H. J. FINN**

Will  
ADDRESS THE ELECTORS  
In the  
**ATHENÆUM HALL, ARROWTOWN,**  
On  
**SATURDAY NEXT, AUGUST 23,**  
At 8 o'clock p.m.

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE**  
**DUNSTAN DISTRICT.**

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to again  
proffer my services as your REPRESENTA-  
TIVE in the Parliament of New Zealand; and  
when the Writs are issued for the coming Elec-  
tion I will make arrangements for addressing  
the Constituency in various parts of the Dis-  
trict.

**VINCENT PYKE.**

#### NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

The Proprietor, while thanking his  
numerous constituents for the encouragement  
accorded to THE ARGUS from all parts of  
the Goldfields, and especially in Vincent  
and Lake Counties, regrets to say there is  
a large number of Subscribers greatly in  
arrear for subscription due, and who seem  
content to go on from quarter to quarter  
without tendering any payment for the  
privilege of receiving the paper. It is  
scarcely necessary to point out that a con-  
siderable and regular cash outlay is involved  
in the production of a newspaper, and  
unless our supporters are reasonably prompt  
in payment of their accounts, the efforts of  
the proprietor to maintain a respectable  
standard for THE ARGUS are seriously  
crippled. Our roll of subscribers being so  
widely scattered, it is impossible to make  
a personal canvass, and consequently we  
have to rely in a great measure on the  
integrity of those who favor us with their  
support.

The Proprietor therefore trusts that  
those for whom this notice is more specially  
intended will forward the amounts due  
within a month from this date. Failing  
such payment by persons more than four  
quarters (a very liberal margin) in arrear,  
proceedings will be instituted for recovery  
without further notice.

ARGUS Office, Cromwell July, 22, 1879.

#### MARRIAGE.

At the Registrar's office, Cromwell, on the  
13th August, William Dickie to Catherine Perry,  
both of Bannockburn.

**Cromwell Argus,**  
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1879.

Up to the present time there is no indication  
that Mr PYKE is likely to meet with opposi-  
tion for the representation of Dunstan. We  
have heard the names of one or two district  
men mentioned as "likely," but they have  
as yet made no sign, and although the  
Dunedin papers bracket the name of Mr W.  
FRASER with that of the late Member as a  
probable candidate, there is as yet nothing  
to show on what ground the assumption rests.  
If Mr FRASER means business, it is about  
time he announced himself. It is somewhat  
remarkable that the Wakatipu district should

have such a wealth of choice, as compared  
with the Dunstan. Is it that Mr MANDERS'  
chance of re-election is considered hopeless  
against any opponent, and hence each  
one of the candidates beguiles himself with  
the hope that he is the coming man, and cares  
not to look further afield; or has the  
redoubtable VINCENT frightened from Dun-  
stan all aspirants for political honors? If  
such should prove the case, then he will have  
room to boast that, like Sir GEORGE GREY at  
the Thames, he has secured a pocket-borough.  
Whether this will conduce to the well-being  
of the district as much as it will gratify Mr  
PYKE's vanity and self-love, is a matter the  
electors would do well to consider. Our own  
opinion is that opposition in anything does  
a man like Mr PYKE good. It will have the  
effect of spurring him on to advance the  
district in many ways that he perhaps would  
not bother about if left to imagine that his  
presence as our representative is indis-  
pensable, and that he alone has the ability to  
fill the various important positions at the  
disposal of the electors. And we much  
mistake Mr PYKE if he is not just the man  
who will lay this flattering unction to his  
soul—and value his constituents accordingly.  
The Dunstan electorate is the only one in  
Otago that seems content with things as they  
are. This is to be accounted for not on the  
supposition that the electors as a body are  
satisfied with the late Member or his actions  
so much as it may be ascribed to an apathy  
in political questions creditable to neither  
the wisdom or intelligence of the people.  
The district have become so used to the  
political creed of Mr PYKE that it seems as  
though it were thought needless to enquire  
after further knowledge. It might do the  
electors good and enlighten them very con-  
siderably to hear the other side of the  
story. On each occasion that Mr PYKE has  
addressed his constituents it has been his  
misfortune to have to explain why he was  
"off with the old love and on with the new,"  
and the coming occasion will prove no excep-  
tion to the established rule. Will it be GREY  
personally, or the policy of his Government,  
or its personnel, that suddenly drove the  
Member to the Opposition benches—or the  
prospect of the office of Minister of Mines?  
It is this perpetual shifting that tends to  
make people dissatisfied with Mr PYKE—he  
seems to have no fixed principles, and con-  
sequently lacks that weight and influence  
that should belong to a representative of the  
chief goldfields centre in the Island. It  
need not be supposed that we have any  
strong desire to see Mr PYKE ousted from  
the position which he has held for the past  
three years; but we fear that a walk-over for  
Dunstan will be disadvantageous to the  
district, and, in time, injurious to Mr PYKE  
himself. A healthy opposition would be  
good for all parties, and we think popular  
opinion is so evenly divided that a capable  
candidate advocating the Ministerial pro-  
gramme would meet with encouraging sup-  
port. We do not by any means undervalue  
our late member's ability, but certainly we  
protest against the self-abasement of some  
of our should-be leading men in the Dunstan  
electorate who, wringing their hands, aver  
that "no one would have a show against  
PYKE." Once let that gentleman understand  
that this is the relation between himself and  
the electors, and he will speedily assume the  
position of Dictator in Parliamentary matters,  
as he is now generally accredited to be in  
those of the County Council. *Nous verrons.*

FROM time to time we have had occasion to  
point out the necessity for having the lock-  
up at Cromwell proclaimed a gaol, and each  
Ministerial visitor has promised to see it  
done. When Mr STOUT was here in February  
last the subject was brought under his notice  
by the Mayor, and he distinctly stated that  
the necessary proclamation should be issued  
without delay. But in this, as in a good  
many other things, we realise that there is  
no substantiality about Ministerial promises,  
although one would think that in a small  
matter like this a member of the Government  
would not play the hypocrite. But the fact  
remains that the desired concession has not  
been made. To those unacquainted with the  
absurdly ridiculous circumstances surround-  
ing the existing state of things, our com-  
plaint may seem a trifling one, and not  
worth so much and repeated outcry. But a  
few facts will show that the sought-for  
object is not so paltry as may at first sight  
be imagined. Cromwell is the centre of a  
wide and important police district, extending  
from Cardrona on one side to Nevis on the  
other, and as such necessarily has the  
temporary lodgement of any law-breakers  
within this extensive area. These are dealt  
with by the Magistrate at Cromwell, and any  
sentence of imprisonment—from 24 hours to  
three months—is ordered to be suffered in  
Clyde gaol, a distance of 14 miles from here.  
In some instances this involves a miscarriage  
of justice which is scarcely to be wondered at.  
Say a prisoner is sentenced to 48 hours' in-  
carceration in gaol, he has to be conveyed to  
Clyde, which involves expense and the atten-  
dance of a constable. It can scarcely be  
wondered if, in cases such as this, magis-  
trates give the accused the benefit, and dis-  
charge him rather than carry out a solemn  
farce. Many arguments equally cogent could  
be urged were it necessary; but we think  
that common sense should dictate strong  
reasons for at once doing away with the  
present anomalous condition of things.  
Besides, the camp reserve being now enclosed,  
prison labor under short sentences could be  
utilised in planting and improving the  
grounds. This would be an advantage to  
the town, and would also have a good moral  
and sanitary effect on the prisoners. The  
proclamation of a gaol here would involve



no extra expenditure for buildings or police service, and it is difficult to see on what grounds the Government can refuse the application. Let us hope that it will not be again requisite to impress on the authorities the necessity for the step advocated, but that the change will be at once made.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUNEDIN, August 19, 10.20 a.m.

There are six candidates for Hokitika—four Ministerial and two Opposition.

Halcombe appears to be the favorite candidate for Manawatu, and Morris for the East Coast.

Macandrew has issued a long valedictory address to the Dunedin electors, which is unfavorably criticised.

Captain Marki, pilot at Tauranga, and his son have been drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

The residence of Moss, M.H.R. for Parnell, has been destroyed by fire. It was insured for £400.

Pezott, one of the plasterers injured by the fall of scaffolding at Timaru, has died.

A Police Pension Bill has been prepared.

Its main provisions are: Each member of the force pays 5 per cent upon his salary for five years as his contribution towards the superannuation fund, and after five years 7½ per cent. An additional aid to the superannuation fund is that it receives half the fines imposed on the force. After 15 years service members are to be entitled to a pension of one-fifth the salary they are in receipt of at the expiration of that period.

A child named Bowden, two and a-half years old, has been killed by the Dunedin tramway.

James Arkle, of Palmerston, opposes M'Lean for Waikouaiti.

H. Carrick is out for Caversham.

The writs are made returnable on September 17th, on which date Parliament is to re-assemble; but it is believed there will be a short prorogation.

Stout addressed close upon 1,500 persons last night on the political situation. He defended the actions of the Ministry, and expressed a hope that at the ensuing elections the struggle would not be one between Greyites and anti-Greyites, but between Liberalism and Conservatism. He announced his inability, in consequence of business engagements, to offer himself as a candidate, but stated though out of the House he would always endeavor to promote what he conceived to be true liberal opinions.

## LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, August 15.

King Alphonse marries the Archduchess Marie of Austria on November 28.

New Zealand consolidated 4½ per cents., 80.

The Wellington Municipal 6 per cent. loan of £100,000 was subscribed thrice over at £104.

The corn market is flat, foreign arrivals being very large. Australian wheat is neglected. Australian flour, 33s to 36s.

At to-day's wool sales prices remained without noticeable alteration. 10,286 bales were sold.

Amos MacKenzie, the financier, is bankrupt, with liabilities amounting to £1,000,000.

## INTERCOLONIAL.

MELBOURNE.

It is believed the Lancelfield Bank robbers were two escaped prisoners, and not the Kellys as reported.

SYDNEY, August 16.

Rioting occurred owing to the determination to keep non-vendites out of the coal mines at Newcastle. One man was killed, and several wounded.

A strong detachment of police has been sent from here to Newcastle in order to overawe the miners, from whom lawlessness is anticipated.

200 miners are coming from Adelaide to work in the Wallsend Mine in opposition to the vendites.

August 18.

The Adelaide miners have arrived, but decline to proceed to Newcastle. They say they were misled, and unaware the vendites had struck.

Mr Vincent Pyke elsewhere announces his intention to stand for re-election to represent the Dunstan district in the new Parliament.

A meeting of members of the Cromwell Fire Brigade is convened for to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock, in the Town Hall, for the purpose of appointing officers, and otherwise getting the Brigade into working order.

We understand that a special meeting of the County Council will be held at Clyde on Monday next to consider proposals by the Government for transfer to the Council of the Carrick Race and the company's debt, and also to deal with certain proposals from the shareholders thereabout.

In view of the Borough Council of Cromwell having recently appointed the Town Clerk Returning Officer for the various Wards in the Borough, it may not be out of place to direct attention of members to an opinion on the legality of such appointments, given by Mr Stout in response to enquiries by the Mornington Council. Mr Stout distinctly states that there should be separate polling-places in each Ward, and a separate Returning Officer for each Ward. Acting on this opinion, the Mornington Council appointed three returning officers, one for each Ward. If the Cromwell Council desires to act legally it should do the same, especially as it involves no extra expense.

The Committee of the Presbyterian Church at Alexandra have decided to hold a bazaar in aid of the church about the end of October.

A special Government parade of the Cromwell Volunteers is called for to-morrow evening. Attention of members is directed to the notice in another column.

Mr H. J. Finn, who is a candidate for the representation of Wakatipu, announces in another column that he will address the electors in the Athenaeum Hall, Arrowtown, on Saturday evening next, at eight o'clock.

A large reinforcement of the Armed Constabulary, along with an unusually large supply of stores and war material, is to be forwarded to the front in a few days. It is anticipated that this is preparatory to marching on Parihaka and arresting the rebel chief, Te Whiti.

The Dunstan (Clyde) Jockey Club has been reorganised, and it has been determined to have a Spring Race Meeting. At a meeting on Saturday week, Mr B. Naylor was appointed President, Dr Leahy, treasurer, and Mr Geo. Clark, secretary, to the resuscitated institution. The membership was fixed at one guinea.

Those interested would do well to make note of the fact that the quarterly licensing meeting for the Cardrona district takes place on Friday, 26th September, at Pembroke. This is an alteration from the usual date, and we draw attention to it in order to avoid inconvenience in a district where population is widely scattered.

Yesterday forenoon a perfect tornado passed over the town, carrying before it everything lying about unsecured. One gust was especially severe and the roofs of several buildings were partially stripped of their covering. A stable at the top of Murray-street owned by Mr William Taylor, was entirely blown down and scattered about in all directions. A portion of the new Camp fence was also levelled. The gale was the strongest ever experienced here.

At the Assessment Court under the Land Tax Act, held in Clyde on 9th instant, the appeal of Messrs Dalgetty Nichols and Co. was sustained as regarded Runs 235, 236, 237 and 238—assessed at 10s per acre—and a reduction of 2s per acre (equal to £30,000) made. The valuation of Run 235a and the freehold lands (£2 per acre) was sustained. The objection on behalf of Messrs Howell, Loughnan and Co. held good as regarded Run 340 (reduced to 2s 6d per acre), and 640 acres freehold (reduced from 40s to 30s). The assessment on Runs 245 and 240s was sustained.

We do not like to be harping always on the same string; but really it is time the local police took steps to enforce the borough by-law relating to cattle trespass within the municipality—residents can protect themselves against the no less aggravating goats by destroying them. But with cows and horses it is different; and residents look to the police to protect them from the loss and annoyance caused by these midnight depredators. An interview occasionally with Major Keddell might have a salutary effect, and prevent the fear and trembling with which our amateur gardeners nightly retire to rest.

We learn by an Oamaru telegram of the 15th instant that the Natives, who have for a long time illegally located themselves at the Upper Waitaki have quitted the place, consequent on the appearance of Inspector Thompson and a force of police who proceeded from Oamaru to eject the intruders. The number of Maoris was 150, 100 being women and children. All were armed, and they had about 100 horses, 50 drays, &c., and about 100 dogs. It has since been ascertained that they originally intended to resist, but were awed by the cool behaviour of Inspector Thompson.

At a recent meeting of the creditors of Thomas Chalmers Reid, it was found that his estate would only pay a dividend at the rate of fourpence in the £, and the creditors agreed to take steps to prosecute him criminally. Thomas Chalmers Reid was a Director and Manager of the Colonial Building and Investment Company (Limited), and the amount to be accounted for by him to the Company is no less than £2,599 6s 10d. A resolution winding up the Company was passed at a meeting of the shareholders last week, and the liquidator (Mr R. H. Leary) was authorised to employ Mr Haggitt to assist in the prosecution of Reid.

Friday's *Daily Times* says:—Great excitement was caused in the city last evening by a report that Mr Matthew William Hawkins, the accountant, of Princes street, had been arrested for embezzlement. The rumour proved to be only too true. Mr Hawkins, we learn, gave himself up at the police-station early in the evening, stating that he was guilty of having broken the law, and that unless secured he might be induced to inflict an injury upon himself. He was secretary of the Union Building Society and the Kaitangata Coal Company, from both of which companies he received a regular salary. The amount he is alleged to have embezzled has been variously estimated at from £1500 to £4000. Naturally considerable uneasiness prevails in monetary circles respecting the affair; but the foregoing are all the particulars we are able to gather.—Hawkins was brought up on Friday before the Magistrates charged with embezzling the funds of the Union Permanent Building Society, to the extent of £300. The prisoner, who was not represented by counsel, appeared to feel his position keenly, weeping bitterly during the greater part of his case. From the evidence it appeared that the prisoner had made a free confession of his wrongdoings to Mr Nation, the Society's solicitor. After taking the evidence of Messrs Nation and Reeves, the hearing of the case was adjourned till Friday next, for the purpose of affording an opportunity to examine the prisoner's books and ascertain the real state of affairs. From a trustworthy source we learn that this was done later in the day, with the result that his pecuniary affairs do not seem to be so serious as the prisoner has led the public to imagine. Further and definite particulars will no doubt be made known next week. In the meantime the prisoner has been admitted to bail, himself in £600, and two securities of £300 each.

"ONE OF THE LOAFERS."—Your "hints" being of a personal nature, can only appear in the form of an advertisement.

Letters of naturalisation have been issued in favor of George M. Botcher, Cromwell.

The escort went down by coach yesterday, but we could not learn the amount of treasure conveyed. Probably it was light, as for some months alluvial mining has been almost at a standstill.

The fortnightly meeting of Borough Council should have taken place on Friday evening, but there not being sufficient members in attendance to form a quorum, an adjournment was made till Friday first.

We understand that the hose ordered from England by the Borough Council some months ago came to hand yesterday. The hose is of the finest make, and the price, as compared with the colonial article, is surprisingly low.

The news that the Loan Bill had passed was cabled to the Agent-General and Crown Agents, and the Government have received a reply from them to the effect that no difficulty is likely to be experienced in floating the new loan, and that any amount required in anticipation of the loan being placed regularly on the money market can be readily obtained.

A fatal accident occurred on the Invercargill-Dunedin railway line on Friday last. Near Kaibiku an engine with seven trucks ran off the line. John Chalmers, the engine-driver, was so severely injured that he died in a few hours after the accident. Deceased leaves a wife and two children.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Alexander Grant, a clerk in the Dunedin Crown Lands office, who is charged with forgery and other serious misdemeanours. It is believed Grant, who is a married man, with a family dependant upon him, has made good his escape to South America. Money-lenders are the principal victims of his operations.

There was a considerable gathering of local sportsmen on the Cromwell racecourse on Saturday afternoon to witness a race for £20 between Mr C. M'Kenna's colt Playboy and Mr Geo. Cookburn's filly Constance. The distance was a mile and a-half, with Derby weights. An even start was effected, when the colt took up the running, and kept the lead all along, winning easily by any number of lengths. The previous day the veteran Clyde, also owned by Mr M'Kenna, scored a win for £5 against Mountain Hare—a horse that at one time had a reputation here as a racer.

A rumor was current a week or two since that a miner named Angus Clark, recently working at the Roaring Meg, had been drowned in the Kawarau River while crossing in a "chair" near his place of residence. At least this was the way his disappearance was accounted for at the time by some, while others inclined to think Clark had mysteriously cleared out for; to him, good and sufficient reasons. Last week it was reported that the missing man's body had been found in the Molyneux at Teviot, but on enquiry at the police station here the officer knew nothing of it. So the mystery of Clark's disappearance is, like that of Richardson in December last, not yet unveiled. By the way, we heard the other day that Richardson is still alive and well, breaking in horses in Southland. Might not the police make enquiries, as it is not agreeable to have men disappear suddenly, leaving behind dismal associations.

## ELECTION GOSSIP.

A proclamation dissolving the General Assembly was issued on Friday. The new writs have been sent to the Returning Officers by telegraph.

Mr Thomas Fergus has received an influential requisition from Arrowtown, and also from Cardrona and Skippers, asking him to stand for the Wakatipu district. He has not yet definitely decided what answer he will return; but if his business engagements permit, it will be a favorable one.

The movements of the Premier are these: He will leave Wellington on the 21st inst. for Christchurch, where he will address the electors as a candidate for that city. He purposes afterwards going South as far as Invercargill, making speeches at the various chief centres of population, and is expected to return again on the 31st. He will leave again for the North almost immediately, and will probably make speeches at Napier, Auckland, and at the Thames.

Dr Giles, R.M., telegraphs that Mr Woolcock is not on either the old or the new rolls for Hokitika or Greymouth.

It is reported that a well-known literary gentleman will accompany Sir Geo. Grey during his electioneering campaign for the proper enlightenment of the Christchurch population.

A noticeable feature in the address of the Wellington City candidates is that while all profess the utmost Liberalism, not one ventures to announce that he will follow the leadership of Sir George Grey.

Mr D. L. Simpson has decided to contest Roslyn with Mr Driver.

It is said the Grey ticket for Dunedin is likely to be Mr G. Turnbull and Mr John Davis.

Sir George Grey has announced his candidature for Christchurch city.

Mr James Macassey intends to offer himself for Dunedin.

The mystery about Mr Rees not being on the Napier roll, notwithstanding that he sent in his claim to be registered, has a very simple solution. He omitted to sign the claim. Mr DeLautour was nearly in the same fix. It would seem to be the case that when the claims were overhauled, there were two of his found—one not signed and one signed.

Private advices from Wanganui speak hopefully of Sir William Fox's chance of re-election, as against Mr Ballance. A friend of Sir William Fox has stated that when the Constitutional party requested that he should assume the leadership of the party, Sir W. Fox let it be distinctly understood that, if a change of Government took place, he would leave the cares of office for younger men.

## MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.

(Before Major Keddell, R.M.)

Police v. William Shade—Breach of the peace by fighting in a public place (Rocky Point road) on Saturday, 9th instant. Mr Blood, for defendant, pleaded not guilty.

R. M'Gregor was called as a witness for the prosecution, but he being the other party in the fight, and also charged with the offence, declined to answer any questions, as he might thereby criminate himself.

Sergt. M'Nally applied for a week's adjournment, in order to procure the attendance of a witness to the fight, and this was granted.

[At a later stage of the Court proceedings Mr Blood, for Shade and M'Gregor, asked to have the cases re-opened. This was not objected to by the police, and both parties pleading guilty, a fine of 20s, with costs, was imposed in each information.]

Ann Shade applied for a protection order against her husband, William J. Shade, on the ground of habitual drunkenness. Mr Wilson appeared for applicant, and Mr Blood, on behalf of Shade, opposed.

A number of witnesses were examined as to Shade's habits, and their evidence went to show that the man was quite incapable of resisting drink if within his reach. The parties had been married three years, and the husband being sober while at home was proved to be very exceptional. For the last six months he had contributed nothing towards his wife's support.

Mr Blood, as remarked by the Bench, "made the best of the material he had to work with," and urged that Mrs Shade had some ulterior object in view in seeking this protection to the prejudice of her husband.

The Court held it had been proved that Shade, so far as concerned his wife, was a habitual drunkard, and would grant the order prayed for. If Shade gave proof of reform in his habits, it was competent for the Court to revoke the order. At the present time there were strong reasons for protecting the applicant. Order granted; costs not asked for.

## CIVIL CASES.

Colclough v. Baird—Claim for £5, balance of account alleged to be due to plaintiff as auctioneer's commission. Mr Blood for plaintiff; Mr Wilson for defendant. Plea, not indebted. There were no witnesses to the transactions between the parties, nor were any writings produced on either side, so that the case was simply one of oath against oath. It appeared that defendant had instructed plaintiff to dispose of certain property in Cromwell by auction. The property was duly advertised, but no sale was effected. Ultimately defendant (as mortgagee) bought the property. Plaintiff sent in his account, among the items being one of £10, commission as auctioneer on the property placed in his hands for sale, being somewhat less than the usual commission for non-sale (2½ per cent. plaintiff stated). To this item defendant demurred, on the ground that he had verbally arranged with plaintiff that he was to get £5 for a non-sale. This he swore to positively, while plaintiff as positively averred that no such arrangement had been made.

The Bench recognised the difficulty of deciding a case of this nature, but was disposed to think that the likelihood was in favor of defendant protecting himself by some stipulation as to non-sale. It was unfortunate that there was no corroborative evidence on either side.

Mr Blood here expressed his willingness to accept a non-suit, with costs, £1 1s.

In the action, Corporation v. Brown, claim for rent, deferred judgment was now given. The Court was of opinion that defendant had accepted from the previous holder all the rights and privileges he had to give and also any disabilities under which the property labored. This being so, judgment would be for plaintiffs, £30, with costs, £3 14s. As to the claim for refund of rates under section 92 of the Otago Municipal Ordinance, 1865, the Bench could not deal with the claim as the action now stood, the set-off having been withdrawn. [It will be remembered that the set-off for rates was withdrawn by defendant on the Bench ruling that a set-off implied an acknowledgment of indebtedness for the balance of claim, which could not be disputed.] If defendant desired to test the question of repayment of rates, it must be done by fresh suit, and production of rate receipts, &c.

## WARDEN'S COURT.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.

(Before Major Keddell, Warden.)

## APPLICATIONS.

Extended Claims.—Thomas Aitken, 1 acre, Pipeclay Terrace; Ah See, 1 acre, Kawarau river;—granted. J. Johnston and others, Bailey's gully. Objected to by S. Graham and another, and adjourned for one week.

Quartz Claim.—P. Paterson and others, Carrick Range.—Adjourned for one week.

Water Race.—W. O'Connell, Upper Nevis. Granted.

Protection for 90 days each was granted to S. Williams and others, Carrick Range, and S. Graham and others, Smith's and Pipeclay Gullies.

Agricultural Lease.—D. Murley, Cromwell Flat.—Referred to District Surveyor.

## ALEXANDRA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

August 15.

The break-up of the frost has given a plentiful supply of water, and most of the sluicing claims are in full work once more. The Molyneux still keeps at a comparatively low level, although it is still about six feet above the level reached during the first rush to the river, and consequently the only ground laid bare to the miner has been well worked years ago. Some odd parties of fossickers have done very well, however, this season, on ground that has been sluiced down by the great floods of last September. Paget and Co. at Frenchman's Point have given up their paddocks; they managed to bottom, but the stuff, though containing a little gold, was so mixed up with masses of rock as to be unremunerative. Respecting the prospects obtained in sinking for the pier of the bridge, I may remark that the accounts are grossly exaggerated, there being no gold in the washdirt; and although a good prospect of rough gold can be obtained from the scrapings of the reef, if the paddock had been washed, the yield would not have exceeded four or five ounces, and to obtain this about 800 cubic yards of gravel would have to be dug out of a paddock leaking at the rate of 150 gallons per minute. How this would pay I leave practical miners to judge for themselves. That there is payable gold higher up the beach is very probable, but there is certainly nothing in the bridge contractors' paddock to induce miners to risk their time and money in paddocking for it.

The party that purchased the wreck of the Salamander dredge have recovered the most of the machinery; but the hull is silted up, and has defied all their efforts to move it. It is their intention to blow it up with dynamite (saving anything of value), and construct new boats for the machinery. The ground the dredge was working on at the time she sank was yielding over £100 per month, and as it only requires three men to work her, this ought to leave a considerable margin of profit.

The bridge contractors, after a number of stoppages caused by the defective nature of the connecting gear between the engine and the pump, have at length got everything in smooth working order. They have got the reef cut down to the necessary depth, and will commence building the pier to-morrow. They have also a number of men employed at the west pier, and in a few days it will be raised to a safe distance above the ordinary summer level of the Molyneux.

The Borough Council held its ordinary meeting on the 6th inst. The principal business was dealing with the tenders for the approach to the north side of the Mannherkia bridge. The highest tender was £48, from a party of Chinamen (Ah You and Co.), and the lowest tender was Mr Brennan's, for £18, which was accepted. There were five tenders sent in, the others ranging between the two amounts.

I observe that the Alexandra correspondent of the *Dunstan Times*, is finding fault with the present Council because they are not doing sufficient work to satisfy him, and he draws a contrast between the present and the previous Council, which built a Town Hall and carried out several other important works, for which they deserve every credit. The correspondent however omitted to state that these works were not constructed out of current revenue, but on the contrary a comparatively heavy debt was incurred in carrying them out. The present Council have had enough to do in carrying out works of absolute necessity; and reducing the little bill left them by their predecessors within reasonable limits, without launching into schemes which, however good in themselves, would in our present financial position, have landed the Borough in a state of hopeless insolvency.

## ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

August 18.

Winter is now breaking up fast, and although we experience frosts nightly the days are fine and warm. Work on our farms, as well as in our mines, is being resumed. Several of the Macetown reefing companies, who had to lay by during the recent severe weather, are making preparations for active work, and the recently-developed farmers on the Crown Terrace are also beginning the life of their new existence. The snow on the hills is gradually decreasing day after day without interfering with traffic, even in the most difficult parts of the district, and there are many hopeful signs that the present depression in trade and the general dullness of times will soon be dispelled by a more healthy state of things.

In spite of the very seasonable weather which we have experienced, illness and indispositions of numerous descriptions prevail in Arrowtown and its neighborhood. The genial face of Dr Douglas is seen more frequently now than at any former time since he was a resident of Arrowtown.

The most surprising feature in the prevailing unhealthiness of the district is the comparatively large number of mental afflictions, and that these afflictions even make themselves manifest in several civic public bodies. Thus there is a corporation not one hundred miles from Lake Wakatipu where seven or eight grave and reverend signors assembled in solemn conclave, and decided to petition the Governor to remove an officer for some fancied misdeeds, and when the request was

refused asked the Governor to turn informer against the officer referred to! *O tempora! O mores!*

I noticed your amusing paragraph in which Mr Roland Pritchard's entire is referred to as a "thoroughbred" stallion. The party making the extract from a sporting record must have done so during a sportive mood, and if he could only get a glimpse at the legs of Mr Pritchard's horse he would have any doubts on this subject instantly dispelled. Besides, as the entire is only rising three years old he could not have very well run as a four-year old some time ago at Ballarat. The entire in question is beyond dispute a Clydesdale of very fine proportions, and was reared by Mr Thomas McCormick, of Creswick Creek, Victoria, out of his celebrated mare Maggie, by Crawford's Lord Clyde. The colt is called Defiance; and it is likely that the name, which is the same as that quoted in the paragraph, may have led to the mistake.

W. Mason, Esq., of Queenstown, addressed a numerously-attended meeting of electors at the Athenæum Hall last Saturday night, and soon succeeded to put himself *en rapport* with his audience. Mr Mason began his address by introducing himself, which he thought necessary because he was not much known in this part of the colony, to which he had come in search of health, and though he arrived here an invalid the climate of Lake County soon restored him to complete health, and he felt now quite equal to the task the electors of the district had asked him to undertake. He stated that he assisted at the birth of Otago—39 years ago—and was the only surviving witness of the auspicious event. Mr Mason, after giving a short resume of his early colonial life, launched out into politics and witticisms, and scored much higher in the latter than the former. He stated that he was not in favor of present Waste Lands administration, Chinese immigration, import duty, denominationalism or teetotal legislation, but would support the policy of the present Ministry, especially if Macandrew took charge of affairs. Mr Mason's speech contained very little of politics, although quite a number of subjects were touched upon. Mr Mason admitted his want of acquaintance with the mining interest (speaking of a mining Bill, 1878), bankruptcy laws, and other important interests, to an extent not well reconcilable with the position he comes forward to fill. Altogether Mr Mason's address suggested that the recollections of his younger days kindled desires and ambitions in an old man's bosom to which he had been a stranger for years and to which he now awakens "Rip-Van-Winkle-like," finding himself lost amongst the requirements of a new generation and an order of things it is scarcely likely he will be able to assimilate. It is, however, only fair to say that Mr Mason's deliverance was characterised by great candour and that noble independence so rare in those who pretend to represent large communities. Mr Mason sportively referred to THE CROMWELL ARGUS, and appeared inclined to attach to my remarks an amount of importance I could hardly have hoped for. But then Mr Mason, I must confess, is a better judge of their applicability than I could be, and it is gratifying to me that he should have certified to their correctness as he did. At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of confidence in Mr Mason was proposed and carried.

## Original Correspondence.

[We do not identify ourselves with the opinions expressed by correspondents.]

## THE PROPOSED FLOUR-MILL &amp; BRIDGE IN CLUTHA VALLEY.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—At various times I have seen articles in your paper concerning a bridge over the Upper Clutha, and a flour-mill near the junction of the same with the Luggate Creek. I very much regret to say that there is, in my opinion, too much wire-pulling and self-interest governing these matters. Among the chief agitators, one wants to benefit himself or his friends, and consequently does not care a snap who is inconvenienced as long as he gains his own selfish ends. Others again perhaps have estates on the Mount Barker and Tarras blocks, and want them connected in order to conveniently cross to and fro. It is therefore argued that a bridge should be placed at the Luggate in order to keep a flour-mill going with wheat, apparently carefully (?) and profoundly remembering the farmers on the Hawea Flat. The fact seems to be forgotten that to proceed to Luggate via Albert Town would only entail a few shillings extra on the freight—perhaps none at all, on account of better roads. It is also forgotten that there is enough land opened up on the Luggate side of the river to keep the mill going. Any reasonable man will agree with me that a bridge should not be built for the convenience of a few farmers and shareholders of a flour-mill, but for the benefit of the public at large, which latter would not be the case at the Luggate.

Concerning the flour-mill itself, it is self-evident that there is a screw loose somewhere. The convenor of the meeting held at Cromwell last November must require re-animating by this time or be called on to give an account of the proceedings since. It seems strange that another meeting has not been called ere this, in order to allot shares applied for (I know of £500 worth applied for), and, in fact, give account of all proceedings done. No satisfactory information can be got from the W.S., making it appear that the whole affair was got together by a clique in order to try the public pulse, which being done, the bridge question was immediately

thereafter mooted as a serious drawback to the erection of a flour-mill.

Hoping to see more correspondence on the above matter,—I am, &c.,

RAQMAN.

August 11, 1879.

## "AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM."

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—I may be in error, but I have always supposed that the chief element in newspaper correspondence should be truth, but I am somewhat staggered in this belief after reading the precious contribution of "John A. Miller," Arrowtown. I have little leisure at present to trouble myself about such a writer, and it is no quixotic notion which now induces me to come forward and strip the mask from this modern "Tom Pepper." Will you, therefore, grant me space to correct a few of his most unblushing assertions, and show your readers who and what this sham reformer really is?

I have fervently hoped and waited for some one better qualified than myself to pick up the gage, but I suppose contempt for such a paltry antagonist is the general feeling. Had he been "worth powder and shot" he would doubtless have been marked down long ago. As Mr D. H. Osborne truly remarks in the *Witness*, "bitter insult is Mr Miller's forte." However, as he has been, in defiance of all decent and proper rules of journalism, gibbeting private persons names in your paper, I step into the breach. Commonly he has only been weakly vituperative, but lately he has taken to lavishing abuse with such reckless prodigality and galling directness that, did we not know him so well, we might consider him dangerous. I called upon him a short time ago in reference to a misstatement of his in THE CROMWELL ARGUS relating to the erection of the Tipperary and All Nations Company's batteries, and desired him, in a gentlemanly manner, to correct it, and he promised to do so. I may state I cared little who might get the credit of the work done, but I had friends at a distance whom I had informed as to my employment, and who, on reading his lying report, might have deemed me guilty of falsehood, and this was probably the contemptible aim of the faithful (?) chronicler of Arrow news. His correction appeared in your last issue but one, when he merely substituted one falsehood for another. He wrote that at the christening of the All Nations battery I said that "Mr Watson was the best engineer in Otago and I was the best blacksmith." Not being that day under the influence of the very cheap liquor so liberally dispensed by the shareholders, I have a perfect recollection of what passed. I said nothing of the kind, which I can prove by witnesses who were present upon that occasion. I think those who know me will hardly credit me with such puerility and bombast. His reference to Mr Cameron, who is well-known in your district, is also utterly devoid of truth. This gentleman was not in the employ of the Tipperary Company at the time of Mr Resta's illness. When he did enter it, it was as working manager, which he has since continued to fill worthily, consequently he never worked under the direction of Mr Resta, whose well-known liberality in a certain direction may have somewhat to do with Mr Miller's partisanship—honestly I can see no other reason for his "drawing the long bow" so persistently in his praise. Mr J. A. Miller is also the librarian of the Arrow Athenæum, and if he had any gentlemanly taste whatever he would avoid the discussion of the unsavory subject of certain subscribers' objections to him personally. Several subscribers—myself among them—in view of his continuous efforts at thwarting every object brought forward in Arrowtown for the public good, wrote to the committee withdrawing their subscriptions, stating their intentions in a very unmistakable manner, not to support the institution so long as it harbored such an ungrateful servant as Mr Miller. This was all, and the complaint was stated in very plain terms. If he had a spark of independence left, he would have taken the hint. But no; he, an able-bodied man, prefers still to stick to his little sinecure of £36 per annum, and usurped the place which should properly be filled by some superannuated, but deserving, member of the community. His account of the public meeting on the Morven Ferry question is another flight of his lively imagination, and he quite forgets to state that he endeavored to foist a resolution upon the meeting, which unluckily found no second, although he made an appeal *ad misericordiam* to his neighbors. Oh, Mr Miller! If the meeting did not succeed in getting the punt "instantly" thrown open free, it at least succeeded in causing a sweeping reduction in the tolls to be levied, and, as times are, we are thankful for small mercies. His strictures upon the Arrow District Hospital and the Committee, in THE ARGUS and *Witness*, are upon a par with the rest of his utterances. I defy him to prove dissatisfaction on the part of a single subscriber. He is not one, at all events, and need not fear for the misdirection of any of his coin. I wonder if the non-appointment of his clever self to the office of secretary had anything to do with his bilious antagonism to the movement. However, it is trying to get along without him, and is likely to become a success despite his vapors. If Mr J. A. Miller were not such an Ishmaelite, it is probable his position might be a much happier one; but, while "his hand is against every man" and he continues to snarl at the community to which he is indebted for his daily bread, I see little chance of an improvement. If he would occasionally visit

the scenes and people he writes so glibly about, take less upon hearsay evidence, and, when in his sanctum, if the institution possesses a copy of the Scriptures, take it down and study the chapter relating to Annanias and Sapphira, his contributions to your and other journals might require less correction, and I and others could spend the time, wasted as in the present instance, on better and worthier objects.—I am, &c.,

GEO. B. DOUGLAS.

Arrowtown, August 10.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, August 11.

The English wheat crop is expected to be 25 per cent. below the average.

Adelaide wheat is quoted at 49s per 496lb ex warehouse. The estimated quantity of wheat afloat for Great Britain is 1,560,000 quarters. Adelaide flour, 35s.

The House of Commons has read the Irish University Bill a third time.

In the House of Commons last night, the Chancellor of the Exchequer made a statement defending the policy of the Government with respect to Egypt, which aimed at stopping previous misgovernment.

The prorogation of Parliament is fixed to take place on Friday.

August 12.

The Oriental Bank notify that advices from branches now completed warrant the payment of a dividend of 5 per cent.

The failure of two Canadian banks caused a drain on the New York cash reserve.

The temporary panic in Montreal has subsided.

The wool sales have opened. The total number of bales available is 352,000, of which 17,000 were taken for Yorkshire and the Continent. There was a large attendance of buyers, and keen competition. Prices are the same as last series, except that low cross-breds are 4d lower.

August 13.

The Russians are considering a scheme for planting well-organised colonies of settlers in the newly-acquired territories of Central Asia, in order to reduce the enormous cost of administration.

New South Wales scrip is at 2 per cent. premium.

The wool sales opened yesterday. 3,999 bales New South Wales and Queensland, 2,500 bales Victorian, 1,681 bales New Zealand, and 1,120 bales of Tasmanian were catalogued. Merinos, cross-breds, and lambs' ruled from 4 to 8 per cent. cheaper than last series. The attendance of buyers was poor.

The Duke of Buccleugh, the Duke of Richmond, Earl Spencer, and Mr Goschen have been appointed commissioners to inquire into the cause of the agricultural distress in England.

VIENNA, August 12.

It is rumored that Count Andrássy will retire into private life, and that Hoffman, Finance Minister, will be his successor.

MADRID, August 14.

Numerous incendiary fires have occurred in Spain, one of which completely destroyed 40 houses, killing 34 persons.

LONDON, August 14.

A conference of delegates, representing 200,000 miners, at Manchester, resolved to encourage emigration. The Dominion Government of Canada offers to defray the expenses of delegates of English farmers to Canada with a view to immigration.

News from the Cape of the 29th of July has been received. The re-advance of the two British columns was ordered to take place on the 3rd of August. They were to meet at the rendezvous at Magdiboom, near Ulundi, on the 6th of August.

August 15.

Miners have resolved to establish a voluntary immigration fund. All workmen are eligible.

Parliament has been prorogued.

Late Cape news reports that Cetewayo has asked the British commander if, in the event of his surrendering, his life would be spared. An affirmative reply has been sent to him.

The latest news from the Cape reports that Captain Carey is ordered home.

The Pope is seriously ill with over-anxiety and sleeplessness.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 14.

Three influential lawyers were brought to St. Petersburg charged with disaffection.

The number of persons supervised is daily increasing.

Several police officers have been punished for neglect of duty.

An accident occurred on Saturday afternoon in the Extended Company's claim, Blue Spur (Tuapeka), by which a young man named Thomas Kitto lost his life. He was engaged blocking out the cement when a piece fell on him, with fatal result.

There are now three declared candidates in the field for the representation of the Wakatipu district in the new Parliament, viz., Messrs Manders, Mason and Finn. Mr Fergus has not yet publicly announced his candidature, but as a requisition is said to have been forwarded to him, we may expect to learn soon what are his intentions. Mr W. Mason opened the campaign at Wakatipu by addressing a full meeting of electors at Arrowtown on Saturday evening. This candidate was accorded a vote of confidence.

The Chairman of the Taranaki County Council (says the *Ashburton Mail*) is a modest man. We commend his conduct to the Hon. Vincent Pyke and other salaried patriots. At a recent meeting the Taranaki Council proposed, in lieu of better remuneration, to present their Chairman with a season ticket, so that he should not be out of pocket in travelling to their meetings. In reply, the Chairman desired the Council would not pass the resolution, as he did not wish to be more favored than the other members, some of whom had to come from a great distance to attend the meeting. The name of the Chairman is Colonel Trimble.



## PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

The Tapanui Borough Council has been relieved from its financial difficulties by the Mayor obtaining a £500 loan through a local firm.

In a letter recently written, Mr Gough, the celebrated temperance lecturer, says he has entirely given up the idea of an Australian visit.

Mr Weston, an old Auckland settler who died recently, bequeathed £100 each to six charities connected with the Anglican churches.

An infant child of W. E. Buchanan, Christchurch, died last week from the effects of scalding, caused by the upsetting of a cup of hot food over it.

According to a statement made by the Attorney-General of Victoria, the pursuit of the Kellys has cost the country an extra police expenditure of £20,000.

Owing to the dullness of trade it has been found necessary to discharge a considerable number of hands from several of the largest manufacturing establishments in Dunedin.

It is said there is a baronet in the Melbourne police who receives a handsome monthly remittance, and continues to be a constable apparently from mere force of habit.

A Melbourne telegram of August 14 says the Kelly gang "stuck up" the Commercial Bank at Lancefield, and robbed it of everything. They held the township for several hours.

A nugget weighing 97ozs was found in the Bendigo district lately. Two boys, the only support of a sick father, also found, the other day, at Ironbark, a nugget weighing 3ozs 5dwts, while sluicing.

A butcher named Ross has been heavily fined at Sydney for slaughtering on his premises. The inspector said one butcher in Sydney slaughtered 100 sheep per week, but he was unable to detect him.

No inquest was held upon the body of the man found drowned near Stuart street Jetty on Tuesday morning last. There is no reason to believe the occurrence was otherwise than purely accidental. The man's name has now been discovered to be John McKinlay. He was of Scotch birth, and had at one time been a sailor.

The statement is made, apparently on good authority, that all available lodgings in Sydney have been taken up in view of the influx of visitors to the Exhibition, and that one gentleman from Melbourne engaged eight rooms in a house in Macquarie street, at the west end of the City, for which he pays the fabulous sum of £1,000 per month!

At Lithgow Valley Sawmills, Sydney, the shaft of the machinery jumped out of its bearings 5ft, and the circular saw was smashed to fragments, flying in all directions with terrific force. One man was struck on the head, and is supposed to be fatally injured. Two others were thrown into the air from the travelling ways, but escaped without injury. The damage amounted to £100.

A miraculous escape from death took place last week to a young lady travelling by the Wellington tramway, owing to the bell being rung too soon. The engine was stopped but for a second or two, and before the young lady had time to alight, and while holding on to the rail the tram started at full speed for the railway station, dragging her on her back some 200 yards. Her injuries were slight.

In accordance with a rule recently introduced into the Pentridge Stockade, the quarterly inspection—or, as it is styled, the "blanket parade"—of all the prisoners took place before Mr Panton, P.M., recently. The whole proceedings are of rather a novel character. All the men are drawn up in ranks, with their bedding over their shoulders. The visiting justice then walks along, and any prisoner can complain if he has a grievance. Out of 600 men none were found with any complaint to make.

Some extraordinary statements have been made in the local paper, about the food given to patients at the Christchurch Hospital, and appear to have been founded on fact. One of them was that beef was never given by any chance save once a year, and the Board looked up the books to see if this was true. They found that during one month 1191 pounds of beef had been sent in, of which 941 had been used for beef tea. The daily average of solid beef consumed was thus rather more than 8lbs; and when the consumption by the attendants was considered, it was evident that very little could have been left for the patients.

An address to the officers and members of all subordinate Lodges of Good Templars, urging them to active and united effort during the forthcoming election is being largely circulated. The following are a few extracts from the document:—"We are on the eve of a general election. The struggle over the country is likely to be a severe one, and most, if not all the seats, will be closely contested. This crisis affords to temperance reformers a favorable opportunity for asserting their principles and making themselves felt in the legislative councils of the colony. It will be for us as Good Templars, claiming to occupy a foremost place in the increasing numbers of those who are pledged to deliver this fair land from the curse of alcohol, to improve the opportunity, and to see to it that in the coming contest we get pledge for pledge, vote for vote." "Resolve that no man shall, during the coming contest, have our votes who is not prepared to give us an unequivocal promise of his vote when the Local Option Bill, for which we ask, shall be again before Parliament." The address, which is an impassioned one, is signed by the G.W.C.T. and the G.W.S.

## THE PROPOSED DARIEN CANAL

In the lull of political strife which now exists, and which is apparently a truce preceding the throes of a general electioneering conflict, we may be permitted to direct attention to a matter now being discussed in all maritime and commercial bourses and exchanges in Europe, the outcome of which is likely to exercise most important benefits on the land of our adoption and the surrounding countries, to draw us nearer to the dear old land from which we sprang, and to rivet another link in the great chain which is fast making the whole world kin, and is practically annihilating distances and breaking up isolations. By some unknown law of the earth's development the great continents run from north to south, merging in the everlasting ice of high northern latitudes and stretching out capes towards the antarctic seas. It was one of these barriers—the continent of America—that hindered the progress of Columbus when he sailed from Europe in a westerly direction in the expectation of reaching India, and it was not till Vasco Nunez de Balboa, in 1514, climbed a peak in Darien and beheld the waves of a great ocean to the westward that the Pacific ocean was discovered, and it was found how comparatively narrow a strip of land hindered the great Columbus from obtaining his object in reaching the "gorgeous East." Where this greatest of earth's oceans debouches into the great Southern seas lies the Australasian Colonies, of which New Zealand forms no inconspicuous part. Situated at nearly the antipodes of Britain and the chief centres of European commerce and civilisation, our distance is rendered practically greater by the detours which our vessels have to make round the capes of Hope and Horn, and the passage is rendered both difficult and dangerous by the cold and stormy latitudes which must necessarily be traversed by reason of these bastions which on either hand guard the approaches to these lands. It is singular that in the centre of both the great continental barriers there should be an isthmus, which at no remote period of the earth's history was probably a strait uniting two oceans, and which required but comparatively little effort on the part of man to reopen. Science and commerce have combined to open the Suez Canal, and by it to effect communication between the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean. This great work has greatly facilitated the intercourse of Britain with her Indian Empire, but it has only remotely benefited us in New Zealand, and has conferred scarcely any good upon the myriad islands which besind the great ocean at whose southern portals our land lies. If we take a ruler and rest one end on Britain and the other on New Zealand, we shall find that it passes directly over the isthmus of Panama. Our successors will probably read with astonishment that 30 miles of land presenting no engineering difficulties, for nearly 400 years after the discovery of the Pacific Ocean was permitted to stand as a barrier to our commerce—that rather than penetrate that barrier we submitted to the furious and incessant storms that rage in the Southern Ocean between the Cape of Good Hope and Tasmania, and the dangers and discomforts of the icy seas around Cape Horn. The connection of the Atlantic with the Pacific by a canal through the Isthmus of Panama would open up direct communication between Europe, New Zealand, New South Wales, the Pacific Isles, Japan, China and India, and it would bring the European world into acquaintance with the innumerable ports which exist on what Europeans call the West Coast of America, from British Columbia in the north to Chili in the south, of many of which, by reason of their lying out of the present lines of commerce, we know but little more than Dampier and other buccaners told our fathers 200 or 300 years ago. Our readers will be glad to learn that the Panama Canal Congress has terminated its sittings at Paris, and has adopted the following resolution:—"The Congress holds that the cutting of an inter-oceanic canal of uniform level—a work so desirable in the interest of commerce and navigation—is practicable, and that the maritime canal, in order to meet the indispensable facilities of access and utilisation which should be offered by a passage of this kind, should be made from the Gulf of Limon to the Bay of Panama." The resolution was carried by 74 to 8, and M. de Lesseps, the engineer of the Suez Canal, and Sir John Stokes voted affirmatively. This canal will cost about four and a-half millions, and the passage of ships through it will occupy two days. Seven schemes were submitted to Congress, and the Panama level scheme, offering excellent ports at both ends and an existing railway to facilitate the transit of material, was accepted. The Congress sat under the auspices of the Paris Geographical Society, and after its dismissal the members were received by President Grévy at the Elysée. The resolution of the Congress is no doubt a most important step towards the work; and now that the practicability of the scheme has been demonstrated by high authority, the money for its accomplishment will most probably be forthcoming. With this canal open, a passage to England would be but a summer excursion, and British tourists, tired of Mount Blanc and the Jungfrau, would come to plant their alpen-stocks on the rugged sides of Egmout and among the eternal snow of the Southern Alps. Commerce also will have found a new world for its enterprise.—*Taranaki News.*

## LOCAL OPTION.

A Bill bearing above title has been introduced by Mr Feldwick, member for Invercargill. Its object is to "amend the licensing laws in some particulars," and these appear to embody the leading principles enunciated by Sir W. Fox when on his recent temperance crusade. As there is a strong probability of Mr Feldwick's measure becoming law during the next session of Parliament, we think that publication of the Bill in these columns will be found of interest to those of our readers desirous of seeing the liquor traffic restricted, as well as to those now engaged in the traffic. The first three clauses are merely technical, and are therefore passed over.

4. All licensing districts existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Act are hereby abolished; but nothing in this section contained shall in any way affect any districts constituted for the purposes of any law relating exclusively to the sale of spirits or intoxicating liquors to Natives.

5. The licensing districts for all purposes of the licensing laws shall henceforth be identical and coterminous respectively with existing and future—

- (1.) Boroughs;
- (2.) Wards of boroughs;
- (3.) Ridings of counties;
- (4.) Road districts outside counties;
- (5.) Such other districts in parts of the colony not comprised within any of the foregoing which the Governor in Council is hereby authorised to constitute, and to vary, abolish, and reconstitute from time to time, as may seem fitting.

Provided always that the Governor in Council, as he thinks convenient, may group any number of ridings of counties or road districts respectively into one district, and from time to time may alter and reconstitute such districts.

6. The Governor shall make all necessary regulations and appointments to give full effect to the provisions of this Act in any part of the colony; but all existing appointments of Licensing Courts and the officers thereof, in licensing districts the boundaries whereof continue unaffected by this Act, shall continue in force and be deemed to have been made under this Act.

## CONDITIONS OF OBTAINING NEW LICENSES.

7. From and after the commencement of this Act, a publican's license for any premises that have not been previously licensed shall be granted only at the quarterly licensing meetings to be held in the month of June in each year.

8. From and after the commencement of this Act no new publicans' licenses, except for premises in respect of which a license is held and is in force at the aforesaid time, shall be granted until the ratepayers of the district shall have previously determined, in manner hereinafter provided, whether the number of publicans' licenses within the district may or may not be increased.

9. The Chairman of the Licensing Court of every licensing district wherein a ratepayers' roll, as herein defined, is in force shall, by public advertisement, appoint some convenient day in the month of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and thereafter at the same time in every third year, but not earlier than fourteen days after the first publication of the aforesaid advertisement, for taking the aforesaid determination of the ratepayers by a poll to be taken in manner prescribed by "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," which, for this purpose, is hereby incorporated with this Act.

10. At such poll the proposal following shall be submitted, and no other, that is to say—

The proposal that the number of publicans' licenses in the district may be increased.

11. The poll shall be taken as follows:—

- (1.) The Chairman shall appoint such person as he thinks fit to be "Presiding Officer," and to act as such at the taking of any poll as hereinafter provided.
- (2.) The Chairman shall give notice in writing to the Presiding Officer, requiring him to take the poll upon the day appointed.
- (3.) The Presiding Officer shall, upon the day so appointed, proceed to take the poll in the manner provided by "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," for taking a poll at any election, and shall provide voting papers and all things necessary for taking the poll.

- (4.) The voting papers shall be printed in the form in the schedule, setting forth the proposal mentioned in the eleventh section, with the declaration in such form set forth, and the words, "I vote for the above proposal," and, "I vote against the above proposal," legibly printed at the foot of each voting paper.
- (5.) The voter shall erase one or other of the said lines, and his vote shall be deemed to be given according to the one of the said lines which he leaves un erased.

- (6.) Each ratepayer shall have only one vote, but there may be more polling-booths than one in each district.
- (7.) All the provisions of "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," as regards taking a poll, and the penalties incurred in any respect in connection therewith, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, so far as they are applicable, and except as by this Act is otherwise provided, apply to the taking a poll on the aforesaid proposal.

- (8.) In the Act last named the words "Presiding Officer" shall be read, instead of the words "Returning Officer," wherever the same occur.

12. As soon as conveniently may be ascertained, the Chairman shall give public notice of the number of votes recorded for and against the proposal, as above provided, and shall declare the resolution to be carried or rejected, as the case may be.

If the majority of the votes that have been given are in favor that the number of publicans' licenses is not to be increased, then that shall be the determination.

13. In districts where no ratepayers' roll is in force, the clerk of the Licensing Court of the district shall make out a list of all those persons whose names appear on the roll of electors of members of the House of Representatives for the electoral district wherein the licensing district or any part thereof is comprised, in respect of any qualification situate within the district last mentioned.

The Returning Officer for every electoral district wherein any part of a licensing district is contained shall furnish the electoral rolls in his custody to the aforesaid clerk, and permit him to make out such lists, and when such lists are so made out the said Returning Officer shall sign the same as correct.

The lists so made out shall be deemed to be the ratepayers' roll for the licensing district for the purpose of every poll to be taken under this Act within such district.

14. If from any mischance or misadventure no determination is arrived at at the appointed time for the poll in any district, as hereinbefore provided, the Governor in Council may, on the application of any two ratepayers of such district, and if it seems fit, appoint some other convenient day, being not less than fourteen days previous to the day appointed for the meeting of Licensing Court in June of the same year, for the holding another election at which a determination may be arrived at in manner aforesaid.

15. Every determination shall continue in force until another determination shall subsequently have been made; but the affirmation of the above-mentioned proposal shall in no case render it imperative upon the Licensing Court to issue any new publicans' licenses.

16. All costs and expenses incident to the taking of any poll of ratepayers under this Act shall be paid out of the fees accruing in the licensing district in respect of any license granted by the Licensing Court, and shall be defrayed out of such fees by the person receiving the same, on the written authority in that behalf of the Chairman of the Licensing Court of such district.

17. Notwithstanding anything in the licensing laws on ainel, the Licensing Court shall at every licensing meeting entertain any petition or memorial from the residents or ratepayers of the licensing district having reference to the granting of a new publican's license, on proof of the authenticity of the signatures thereto, and, if it shall appear to the Court that a majority of at least two-thirds of the residents or ratepayers in the neighborhood of the house in respect of which a license is sought or to which it relates object to the granting of the application, such Licensing Court shall refuse to grant such application.

18. Every petition or memorial having reference to the granting, renewal or removal of a publican's license,—

Shall have, in addition to the signature thereon, a statement of the age, and the actual distance from the premises intended to be affected by such petition or memorial of the residence or property, of each person signing the same; and

Shall be lodged with the Clerk of the Licensing Court of the district not less than seven days before the day appointed for the next sitting of the Court.

The said clerk shall keep a list posted in his office, for seven days previous to each sitting of the Licensing Court, of all petitions or memorials lodged with him as aforesaid, and every such list and petition or memorial shall be open for public inspection without fee.

The Licensing Court shall, on receiving any such petition or memorial as aforesaid, erase therefrom all names whereto the foregoing particulars are not appended.

19. The Licensing Court shall in each case, at their discretion, determine what is deemed "the neighborhood" for the purpose of this Act; and shall take such measures by receiving evidence or otherwise as shall be necessary to determine the number of residents and ratepayers therein.

The absurdly low assessment under the Land Tax Act of Sir George Grey's estate at Kawan is being severely commented upon by the Press of the colony. The landed estate of 5,269 acres is assessed at £2,107—nothing approaching its real value. It is evident that under the Grey regime there is one law for the "Great Pro-consul," but quite another for men who, by hard work, have saved enough money to purchase land for themselves and their families.

"In one of the California mines a ball has been given 1,000ft below the surface. About 50 couples were invited. The ladies were dressed in calico costumes, and, together with their escort, were lowered into the mine at 9 o'clock. They danced for two or three hours." Mammals with daughters on their hands will do a good deal, even in this country (says London *Figaro*), to catch a coal Croesus, or owner of a big Bonanza, in any form; but actually to pursue him into this subterranean treasury is a Yankee notion as yet unimported. Our fortune-fishers will do their level best to draw out the Leviathan with a hook, but they draw the line at diving after him. They will descend to anything except the bowels of the earth, and will lower themselves to any extent in spirit so long as they are not required to lower themselves in the flesh in a basket.

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